(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (d) Government has a National Policy on Child Labour which contains an action plan for dealing with the problem of Child Labour. It envisages :

—A legislative action plan.

—Focussing of general development programmes for benefiting children wherever possible; and

—Project-based action plans in areas of high concentration of child labour engaged in wage/quasi-wage employment.

Government is committed to the goal of eradication of child labour in all its forms. Considering the nature and magnitude of the problem, a gradual, progressive and sequential approach has been adopted to withdraw and rehabilitate child labourers.

Liquidation of Statutory Dues

4201. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE :

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether a group of Ministers was formed to expedite liquidation of statutory dues to the workers of CPSUs.

(b) if so, when was the same formed and the number of meetings held so far by the group;

(c) total statutory dues before the formation of the Committee;

(d) dues liquidated after the formation of the Committee; and

(e) names of the CPSUs, where the statutory dues are more than Rs. 10 crore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Group of Ministrers (GOM) was formed on 9-2-2000. The GOM held its first meeting on 10th April, 2000.

(c) and (d) The statutory dues of workers are being monitored on quarterly basis. The latest information is available for the quarter ending December, 1999. There is normally a gap of 2-3 months for collecting and compilation of information after the last quarter. Hence the position of non-payment of statutory dues of workers after formation of the GOM, i.e. for the quarter ending March, 2000 is not available. The total statutory dues before the formation of the GOM was Rs. 1842 crores as on 31-12-1999.

(e) The names of CPSUs where the statutory dues are more than Rs. 10 crores as on 31-12-1999 are given in statement.

STATEMENT

Name of CPSUs where statutory dues are more than Rs. 10 crores as on 31-12-1999

Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers
D/o Chemicals & Petrochemicals
Indian Drugs & Pharm. Ltd.

Ministry of Coal
Eastern Coal Fields Ltd.
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.

Ministry of Industry
Deptt. of Heavy Industries
Burn Standard Company Ltd.
Cement Corp. of India Ltd.
H.M.T. Ltd.
Heavy Engineering Corpn. Ltd.
Hindustan Cables Ltd.
Hindustan Photo Films Mfg. Corp.
Instrumentation Ltd., Kota
Jessop & Co. Ltd.
Mining & Allied Machinery Corpn. Ltd.
NEPA Ltd.
Triveni Structurals Ltd.

Ministry of Textiles
National Jute Manufacturers Corpn. Ltd.
NTC (Gujarat) Ltd.
NTC (Madhya Pradesh) Ltd.

NTC (Maharashtra North) Ltd.

NTC (South Maharashtra) Ltd.

NTC (Uttar Pradesh) Ltd.

NTC (West Bengal, Assam, Bihar and Orissa) Ltd.

Ministry of Steel

Bharat Refractories Ltd.

Hindustan Steel Works Constn. Ltd.

Ministry of Steel and Mines
D/o MINES

Hindustan Copper Ltd.

Ministry of Surface Transport

Central Inland Water Transport Corp. Ltd.

Ministry of Water Resources

National Projects Construction Corp. Ltd.

Note :.The statement is based on information furnished by various Departments to Ministry of Labour.

Trade Unions to Back Reforms

4202. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE :

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "PM asks TUs to back reforms" published in Statesman on the 15th April, 2000;

(b) the number of meetings Prime Minister had with central TU's during last two years on Government's policy of liberalisation and globalisation;